

## WAR DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE PUBLIC PACIFIC DEFENSE

Speaker Cannon Returns Communication to the Secretary.

It Declares Enemy Could Invade Country.

### LACK OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A report from the war department showing how the country is inadequately protected against invasion from foreign governments was sent to the house as a secret document and after a number of conferences and hurried telephone messages, was returned to the war department on the ground that the house could not receive a secret report.

With 291 members in that body the contents of the report stand a chance of leaking out to the public immediately, in the opinion of those who conferred on the subject when the remote contingency of a secret session of the house is mentioned.

Members of congress who saw the document before its withdrawal say the report of Secretary Dickinson points out that the country is wholly unprepared, that there is a woeful inadequacy of men, guns and ammunition, that the army should be reorganized and that a council of national defense, with the secretary of war at the head, should be created by congress. The report of General Wood, which is marked "confidential," dealt with these matters and gave official admission to matters that are of common knowledge among army and navy experts. The real significance of the document is that it makes official admission of conditions already well known among army and navy officers.

Wood, in testimony before the house military committee, discussed the whole subject of national defense, told where the weak points lay, and laid particular emphasis on the possibility of an outbreak from the orient. He did not give vent to any alarming views, but talked confidentially of the need to take immediate action to guard against any possible trouble from Japan or China.

Representative McLachlan, of California, author of the resolution, said: "A foreign country could land 200,000 troops on the Pacific coast in 30 days, and the only intimation of trouble would be their presence. Military authorities say that it would take years to dislodge foreign troops if they ever secured a foothold in the Rocky mountains, and it would cost the United States a billion dollars."

The bill introduced by Representative Hobson, embodies the administrative idea of a national council for defense and is the result of his conference with President Taft, Secretary Dickinson and other officers.

The holding up of the report grew out of the opposition of Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriations committee. It is said, Tawney is said to have had his attention called to the report some time ago, whereupon he hurried to the white house, called attention of the president to the policy of retrenchment in appropriations and advised him that, figuratively, if the conditions cited in this report were made public the whole retrenchment policy would be interfered with.

After looking into precedents, the speaker concluded there was no argument for the acceptance of the report of confidential communication. It was then returned to Dickinson with a polite letter calling attention to the rules of the house which refuses communications of this kind.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It became known positively today that the war department's report answering the McLachlan resolution revealed that the United States is wholly unprepared for war.

It lacks the right kind of men in the army; needs guns and ammunition; an increase in the number of standing troops is imperative, and it requires increased fortifications.

This is the official reply of General Leonard Wood and Secretary of War Dickinson. In replying to McLachlan's question, regarding the preparedness for an invasion of the Pacific coast by Asiatic power, the frank answer is substantially "No."

As a result of Speaker Cannon's returning the report to the war department yesterday, it is expected Dickinson will re-submit the report today with the "confidential" warning removed.

Mr. J. K. Ferguson left this morning for West Tennessee on business.

## International Murders That Are Bothering Governments—British Warship on Its Way to Honduras

To Exact Indemnity For Subject Slain There—United States Grand Jury to Take Up Mexican Case.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 15.—The British cruiser Brilliant sailed today for Cuba, Honduras, under orders to demand indemnity for the murder of a British subject there last April. If refused, it is understood the customs house will be seized. The Britisher, a native of Jamaica, was killed in a row with Honduran police.

The Cause of the Outbreak. Austin, Texas, Dec. 15.—Under special instructions from District Judge Burney, a grand jury at Rock Springs today began an investigation of the lynching of Antonio Rodriguez, which was the direct cause of the Mexican revolution. The court instructed the jury to return indictments for murder against all participants in the lynching.

Bedouins Continue Outrages. Jerusalem, Dec. 15.—Twenty thousand Turkish troops are being rushed today from Ardara to the Syrian Villages, where Bedouins are again in revolt. Hundreds of Turks have been killed, according to dispatches received here today.

Rebels Are Routed. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Mexican cables today say that General Navarro, commanding the troops routed the rebels early today from their entrenchment about Guerrero after a battle beginning last night. Four were killed and wounded, mostly rebels. About 500 escaped and were pursued by horsemen into the mountains.

Infant Son Dies. The one-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stalley, 1900 Trimble street, died last night. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon and burial was in the McKendree cemetery.

Let Battleship Contracts. London, Dec. 15.—Contracts were let for the construction of two battleships provided for in the current year's naval program. The specifications call for vessels of 24,000 tons, having 27,000 horsepower.

Robert Moore. Bardwell, Ky., Dec. 15.—Robert Moore, a prominent farmer near this place, died yesterday afternoon of Bright's disease, from which he had suffered for many months. Deceased leaves a wife and four children. The remains will be interred this afternoon at the city cemetery.

### COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WILL HAVE LIBRARY

Patrons of the County High school at Heath are taking pride in the school and are raising funds for a library. Saturday night they will give an entertainment in the interest of the joint library of the High school and the Grahamville High school at the new building. The entertainment will consist of musical features.

### DENVER TRAMWAY MINES BURNING

TEN MINERS ARE SHUT OFF FROM RESCUE BY EXPLOSION.

Denver, Col., Dec. 15.—Ten miners are entombed in the Leydan Coal company's mines at Leydan, 14 miles south, the result of an explosion early today. Fire in the shaft bars rescuers. The mine is owned by the Denver Tramway company.

GOOD FELLOWS are requested to fill out the following blank and mail it to The Evening Sun or the PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENT of the Woman's club, 214 South Seventh street.

I will be Santa Claus to \_\_\_\_\_ children.

I will deliver the presents to "my children" myself, or \_\_\_\_\_

I will want the department to deliver the presents to "my children."

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Be sure to designate whether you will deliver the presents yourself.)

## OSBURN'S SLAYER MUST SERVE HIS 2 YEAR SENTENCE

Lewis Futrell Loses Appeal From Verdict in Circuit Court.

Southern Railway Wins Its Contention.

### WHEN WHISKY IS BAGGAGE.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The appellate court today affirmed the verdict of the McCracken circuit court in the murder trial of Lewis Futrell, who was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary for the murder of Horace Osburn.

Futrell has been in the McCracken county jail since July when his second trial was held and a verdict of guilty was returned, and he was given two years in the penitentiary. In his first trial he was given eleven years in the penitentiary, but a new trial was granted.

Young Futrell, with his father, J. S. Futrell and a neighbor, J. D. Petty were farmers and resided at Model, Tenn. They came to Paducah with a shipment of tobacco, and were staying at the boarding house of Horace Osburn, a street car motorman. On the night of February 25, 1909 Osburn accused the men of drinking and ordered them from the house. While descending the stairs a difficulty ensued and young Futrell shot and killed Osburn. The defense claimed that Osburn attacked the father and Lewis Futrell shot Osburn in defense.

Between his first and second trials Futrell was out on bond, but altogether he has been in the county jail over a year. He has made a model prisoner, and did not escape from the county jail when the wholesale jail delivery was effected in 1909.

Whisky As Baggage. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15.—(Special)—In a decision of the commonwealth against Southern Railway company the appellate court held that if a railway carries whisky into local option territory as baggage of a passenger without receiving any other pay no indictment can be returned.

Values Scalp at \$6,500. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Sixty-five hundred dollars is the value of Miss Edna May Pitts' scalp, according to a decision of the court of appeals. Miss Pitts, while employed by a local clothing manufacturer, became entangled in the machinery and her hair and scalp were torn completely from her head. Suit was brought and judgment obtained against the clothing company for \$8,129. The case was appealed and while pending in the higher court Miss Pitts compromised for \$6,500. The higher court then reversed the lower court and the manufacturing company refused to pay the compromise. Suit for the \$6,500 was then brought, the lower court rendering a judgment for Miss Pitts which the court of appeals has sustained.

### TRASH PILE FIRE IS GROUND FOR WARRANT

A trash pile in the back of the Stutz Candy company resulted in another fire alarm against this morning. The firemen at the Central station were called out at 4:45 o'clock. No damage was done, although property was endangered. Fire Chief Wood today swore out a warrant for permitting the trash pile to remain on the premises. Hose companies, Nos. 3 and 4, and truck company, No. 4, were called to the home of Henry Parkins, colored, 1032 Washington street, last night at 9 o'clock to extinguish a small roof fire.

## ROBBERY AT WINGO IS REPORTED HERE

PADUCAH POLICE HAVE DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT IN CASE.

Chief of Police Henry Sengry received a long distance telephone message this morning from Marshal David Jackson, of Wingo, Ky., saying that the notion store of D. E. Slaughter was robbed last night. A mulatto negro, who is suspected of the robbery is missing, and the local department will assist in the hunt for him. The following articles are missing from the store: Half dozen shirts, 1 Stetson hat, 1/2 dozen red socks, 1 suit of clothes and 2 pairs of shoes. No arrests have been made.

## Mayor McDowell, of La Grange, is Killed at Fire By Roof Falling On Him—Financial Loss is \$15,000

Blaze in Louisville Suburb Proves Disastrous—Detective Killed in Strike Riot—Shoots Back.

LaGrange, Ky., Dec. 15. (Special)—Fire which caused the loss of \$15,000, early this morning, resulted in the death of Mayor Carlos McDowell, who was killed by a falling chimney.

Detective Fires on Strikers. Chicago, Dec. 15.—Attacked by a mob of striking garment workers, Detective Sergeant Charles Weincke today emptied his revolver in the crowd as he sank under a shower of blows. An unidentified striker was killed and another, Mark Lingewick, was shot and fatally wounded. Weincke's condition is critical.

The fatal affray followed a striker's attack on 50 strikebreakers, being escorted to work by a squad of police. Weincke was separated from the escorts and was being beaten to death when he opened fire.

May Yohe Again at Altar. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—May Yohe, the former London music hall singer, whose marriage to Lord Francis Hope and subsequent elopement with Maj. Putnam Bradley Strong, son of former Mayor Strong, brought her into the limelight, has again embarked upon the matrimonial seas. Her new husband is F. M. Reynolds, a musician, formerly attached to a musical comedy company whom she has just married at Seattle.

### Special Tax Deputy

Sheriff George Houser has appointed Sam Brookshire as a special deputy sheriff in the county, and he is busy collecting taxes, and poll axes. After today the sheriff has authority to levy upon any property that a property owner may own, and sell it for the taxes. Sheriff Houser has made a splendid collection, and the delinquent list has been shortened by the campaign that has been waged upon the slow payers.

### DEAN'S BAND WANTS TO GIVE CITY CONCERTS

Professor Dean's band will put up to the general council soon a proposition to make an appropriation for public concerts once or twice a week throughout the summer at some place downtown designated by the city. The band, which now consists of 20 pieces, has been reorganized and has been practicing faithfully. Professor Dean says Paducah has the nucleus of the best band the city ever had.

### SEEKING RIGHT TO VOTE. Will Urge a Constitutional Amendment.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—A movement looking to submission to the next Kentucky legislature of an amendment to the state's constitution, asking for full suffrage for women, was inaugurated here last night at a meeting of the Fayette Equal Rights association, which has a membership of 300 members, and is the strongest in the state. The matter was earnestly discussed, and it is stated that in the next few weeks the movement will be given a definite shape by the appointment of a working committee to start the program.

## Ten Days to Xmas

DEC. 15

Recall That Hint About the Gift For Father?

### BUCKET SHOP RAID.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Charged under federal warrant with using the mails to defraud, sixteen alleged bucket shops were raided here today. After the raids, wagon loads of prisoners were locked up in police stations. It is reported more than 100 persons were caught in the government's net.

## RED CROSS SEALS REACH 500 TODAY

FIRST DAY'S SALES ARE ENCOURAGING—SCHOOLS TAKE LARGE NUMBER.

Five hundred Red Cross Christmas seals were sold today at the station in the lobby of the postoffice. It is the first day that the station has been open, but the public will have an opportunity to purchase the seals at the postoffice every day now until Christmas. Today Miss Frances Gould, assisted by Misses Cherie Morton and Alice Compton was in charge of the station.

The sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals among the pupils of the schools is surprising to the school officials as well as the committee having in charge the sale. The purchase of the stamps is voluntary upon the part of the children, as the teachers have instructions not to urge the sale of the seals. The purpose of the sale of the stamps is made known, and the pupils have been eager to assist in the fight against tuberculosis.

The Jefferson school has the honors for the sale, as 1,100 stamps have been purchased by the pupils of that school, and today an additional 200 stamps were secured, making the allotment for that school, 1,300. The stamps have been distributed among the schools as follows: High school, 1,100; Jefferson, 1,300; Franklin, 300; Lee, 200; Longfellow, 200; McKinley, 200; Whittier, 100; Lincoln, colored, 800; Garfield, colored, 300.

One girl at the Jefferson school made a single purchase of 500 stamps, which is the largest purchase reported in the schools.

Were Seeing Signs Together. Oscar Roberts, charged with petit larceny, was this morning bound over to the grand jury and his bail fixed at \$100 in police court. T. B. Matthews accuse him of slipping a \$5 bill from his pocket a few nights ago while they were out "seeing the sights," it is alleged.

### NEW JUDGES ARE ALL APPROVED

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVORABLY ON APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A favorable report on the nominations of Judges Willis Van Devanter and Joseph R. Lamar to be associate justices of the United States supreme court was adopted today by the senate judiciary committee. The senate is expected to suspend the rules and confirm the report in executive session.

### Chicago Market.

	Dec.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4
Corn	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4
Oats	32	31 3/4	31 3/4	31 3/4

### Corn Yield for 1910.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The departments of agriculture this afternoon issued a report showing the harvested corn acreage to be 114,200,000 acres, and the 1910 yield 3,125,713 bushels, as against 108,771,000 acres and 2,772,376 bushels last year.

### THE WEATHER

The predictions and temperature for the past twenty-four hours will be found at the top of the seventh column on page 10.

## THREE WARRANTS FOR CHILD LABOR LAW VIOLATIONS

State Factory Inspector Pat Filburn is Taking Examples.

He Also Advises Better Sanitary Condition.

### WILL RETURN HERE NEXT WEEK

Warrants were sworn out today in police court against three companies for the alleged violation of the state child labor law, by Pat Filburn, state labor inspector. The companies are alleged to have worked children between the ages of 14 and 16 years without the proper permits. One is a bottling concern and the other two factories.

"It was necessary for me to act," said Mr. Filburn, "for the violations of the child labor law in Paducah are open. Most of the companies plead ignorance of the law, but that is not an excuse, and I feel that some examples must be made. What children under age that I have found working I have sent home and have given the employers copies of the law in order that they may not make a second mistake. Some of the companies claim that the children said they were over 16 years old, but the law requires that an oath shall be made by the parents to the effect that the child is over 16 years old."

Mr. Filburn will spend tomorrow in the city investigating factories, and he intends to make a thorough canvass of the city. "It is necessary for me to be in Louisville Saturday to attend court," said Mr. Filburn, "but I will return to Paducah next week. I am going to see that the law is obeyed in Paducah, if I have to neglect the remainder of the state."

Mr. Filburn is also investigating the sanitary conditions of the factories in which men, women and children are employed. He has made a number of suggestions for improvements of sanitary conditions in Paducah factories, and says that some prosecutions probably will be made unless owners obey promises.

### LOUIS GLAVIS ACQUITTED.

Was Alleged to Have Started Forest Fire.

Golden Gate, Wash., Dec. 15.—Louis R. Glavis, principal witness in the Pinchot-Ballinger hearing, was acquitted of the charge of having started a forest fire. The jury was out 20 minutes. The evidence showed that Glavis had nothing to do with a big forest fire near White Salmon, alleged to have been caused by a small fire started on his own land.

### ALEX HARRIS DIES AT OLD HOMESTEAD

The body of Mr. Alex Harris, 68 years old, who died at his home at Hampton, at noon Monday of Bright's disease, was buried Tuesday afternoon at Duley's Bluff. Mr. Harris was an uncle of Messrs. Guy and Mrs. Pearl Hardin, of Hampton, also Mrs. Mattie Rice. He leaves two daughters and two sons: John Harris, of Barlow; Vernon Harris, of Hampton; Mrs. Elizabeth Baynes and Mrs. Pearl Hardin, of Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harris returned last week from his bedside. His daughters, Amanda and Miranda Blank-Cornick, of Golconda, and Mesdames, Amanda and Miranda Balkenship, of Barlow; and four brothers: Trar Harris, of Barlow; John Harris, of Golconda; and Elsie and Virgil Harris, of Hampton.